

Possible Initiatives Policy Priorities Survey

9. Below are several suggestions that people have brought to the Board for future policy development projects. Keeping in mind the criteria and focus areas already mentioned, please indicate whether the Board should consider any of the following as policy development projects.					
	Definitely	Possibly	Not Sure	Probably Not	Definitely Not
Continue to identify and promote programs that create a more diverse health care workforce.	8 (1.59%)	16 (3.17%)	6 (1.19%)	5 (0.99%)	1 (0.2%)
Organize a conference or a series of workshops where planners and public health officials discuss ways to work together on health issues related to the built environment, including healthy aging, physical activity, nutrition, and health disparities.	14 (2.78%)	16 (3.17%)	6 (1.19%)	-	-
Develop a menu of strategies for communities working to improve the oral health of children.	8 (1.59%)	20 (3.97%)	5 (0.99%)	3 (0.6%)	-
Develop recommendations for improving children's access to mental health services.	19 (3.77%)	10 (1.98%)	5 (0.99%)	2 (0.4%)	-
Explore ways to improve veterans access to a variety of health care services, including mental health services, close to where they live.	8 (1.59%)	7 (1.39%)	9 (1.79%)	9 (1.79%)	3 (0.6%)
Develop a set of policy recommendations for addressing infant mortality rates among African Americans and Native Americans.	9 (1.79%)	14 (2.78%)	12 (2.38%)	1 (0.2%)	-
Help convene a summit of policy makers to identify strategies Washington State might use to address health disparities.	8 (1.59%)	16 (3.17%)	9 (1.79%)	3 (0.6%)	-
Explore ways to encourage families to eat meals together, which can result in increased protective factors and decreased risky behaviors, better nutrition, and improved family communication.	6 (1.19%)	9 (1.79%)	4 (0.79%)	14 (2.78%)	3 (0.6%)
Work on ways Washington State might encourage development of a national adult immunization policy.	6 (1.19%)	8 (1.59%)	16 (3.17%)	6 (1.19%)	-
Recommend a strategy for Washington State to use for distributing influenza vaccines during a shortage.	11 (2.18%)	16 (3.17%)	4 (0.79%)	5 (0.99%)	-
Analyze the current school-entry mandate for immunizations and make policy recommendations about new immunizations aimed at adolescents, exemptions, criteria for adding new vaccines, and helping schools implement mandates.	15 (2.98%)	16 (3.17%)	2 (0.4%)	3 (0.6%)	-
Strengthen partnerships between the tribes and state and local public health agencies.	9 (1.79%)	17 (3.37%)	8 (1.59%)	-	2 (0.4%)
Evaluate effectiveness of recently adopted Board rules.	12 (2.38%)	9 (1.79%)	11 (2.18%)	3 (0.6%)	1 (0.2%)
Work with insurance companies, employers, and others to identify strategies to improve insurance coverage for clinical prevention services for children, such as counseling for behavioral risks, immunizations, and screening tests.	19 (3.77%)	10 (1.98%)	4 (0.79%)	3 (0.6%)	-